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Revenue, through the Collector of Malabar, requesting an increase of their pay. They have not submitted any other memorandum or petition to Government on this subject.

"(b) The Board of Revenue, to whom the petition from the Kolkarans has been addressed, has decided that their request for increase of pay cannot be complied with in the present financial position of the State. The Government consider that the scale of pay and allowances now paid to village servants are adequate and agree with the Board that no increase is called for."

Payment of salaries of elementary school teachers in Malabar.

* 1001 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to State—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a resolution passed by the Malabar District Board on 16th March 1953 to the effect that the Board could not disburse the salary of elementary school teachers properly because of the delay of the Government in granting subsidies; and

(*b*) whether the Government have been informed that the majority of elementary school teachers under the Malabar District Board have not yet been paid even their January salary?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes. A copy of the resolution was received by the Government. But it has to be pointed out that the allegation that the delay in the disbursement of the salaries was due to delay on the part of Government in granting subsidies, to the district board, is not correct. The Government are paying the usual subsidies to which the district board is eligible and in addition, special subsidies also promptly whenever the district board has reported any financial difficulty. It was reported in the middle of February that the salaries of teachers for January 1953 were not paid and the Government sanctioned a special subsidy early in March, within two weeks of the report of the financial difficulty, and the arrears were paid off with reference to this sanction."

Water-works scheme of Salur Municipality.

* 1002 *Q.*—SRI K. VENKATANARAYANA DORA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the stage at which the execution work of the Salur Municipality Water Works Scheme is at present; and

(*b*) when the execution work will be completed?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (*a*) & (*b*) The detailed field work is being carried out. A 12 feet diameter infiltration well at the headworks is proposed. The work will be taken up soon and proceeded with as expeditiously as possible."